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The communication filed on December 5, 2000 is not deemed to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated October 23, 2000 because this communication fails to comply with all of the requirements set forth in said Office action. The Office Action dated October 23, 2000 contains a requirement for Applicant to list all claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added (page 2, last full paragraph). The communication filed on December 5, 2000 does not appear to contain such a listing, and therefore does not comply with the requirements of said previous Office Action.

Also, it is not readily apparent that the named polymer species (i.e. "trimeric copolymer styrene, ethylene, and butadiene SEBS") constitutes an election of a <u>single</u> polymer species, since SEBS apparently can be used alone as evidenced by claim 34, as further required in the previous Office action. Clarification and/or correction is required.

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Since the communication filed December 5, 2000 appears to be bona fide, Applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the emission or correction in order to avoid abandonment of the application. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to I. Cintins whose telephone number is (703) 308-3840. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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